

**CITIZENS' TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY
ADVISORY BOARD
June 14, 2005 Meeting
Key Tower 27th Floor Board Room
700 Fifth Avenue Seattle, WA 98104**

Present Maryann Budlong Jesse Mar Chun Deborah Gartside Paul Green Harry Hart, III Pwint Htun Brendan Kao Damien Koemans Huat Chye Lim Nina Sanders Ken Thompson Manny Ovena Todd Achilles Bill Baron Excused Ann Robinson	Absent Kevin Leo Visitors Ken Meyer Cara Wilson Staff Tony Perez Bill Schrier
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1. Review of May, 2005 Minutes

The minutes were reviewed and unanimously approved.

2. Introduction of Cara Wilson, Get Engaged Program

Cara Wilson, Get Engaged Program Youth coordinator, provided an overview of the program. She indicated that the Get Engaged program is recruiting for new members and requested CTTAB's assistance in obtaining new referrals aged 18-29 years old. Wilson also asked CTTAB members for any feedback about the program. The application deadline is Friday June 17. Interviews are scheduled for late July and those selected will be appointed in September. Wilson provided CTTAB members with informational literature.

3. CTO Report (see report)

Of note: Schrier indicated that he would like CTTAB to assist in establishing metrics/measurements for evaluating the effectiveness of City's Wi-Fi pilots.

4. Committee Reports:

Citizen Engagement / e Democracy:

Budlong commented that the committee has a very wide area of responsibility. The committee is working to develop a focused program with the aim of delivering a product by the end of the year. Budlong indicated that more details will be provided in a future CTTAB meeting.

Emerging Technologies – Broadband Task Force Report

Baron gave a short overview of the Broadband Task Force Report:

- Demand for bandwidth in Seattle will continue to increase
- Task Force's initial interest was wireless but resolution was vaguely worded
- Task Force discovered that wireless was not best technology for meeting Seattle's long term needs
- Task Force established 20Mbps- 25 Mbps as minimal standard for "true" broadband
- Fiber to the Home is the "gold Standard", question is how to get there
- Task Force established 10 year goal: "2015 Broadband for All", recommended creation of Office of Broadband charged with reaching the goal

Baron also commented on what he saw as a looming policy issue for the City: How should the City respond if an incumbent or new provider builds a fiber to the home network that is not open? Baron also pointed out that the City needs to better define what it means by an "open network".

Thompson commented that the report made no mention of the possibility of exacerbating digital divide issues. Baron responded that the goal addressed "access for all". Thompson cautioned that in the interim, as a fiber network is gradually built out, the City should ensure that it happens in an equitable manner.

CTTAB members engaged in an extensive discussion regarding the Board's reaction to the Task Force Report. CTTAB will present its position to the Utilities and Technology Committee on June 28th. (See attached memo to UTC).

5. Cable Office Report:

- Millennium Digital Media (MDM): Perez commented that MDM is now in the renewal period and that its franchise expires in March of 2008.
- Brand X case: The Supreme Court should rule any day on whether cable networks will be subject to common carrier (open access) requirements similar to phone networks.
- Response to Qwest: Perez indicated that he had responded to a letter from Qwest regarding its perception that the Task Force had mischaracterized the capabilities of the Qwest network.

6. Open Forum:

Green indicated that CTTAB members should talk to Qwest about partnership opportunities with the City. Perez mentioned that if such a meeting is held it must be clear that CTTAB members are not representing the City's position. After considerable discussion, it was agreed that if invited by Qwest, some CTTAB members could agree to

meet with them to discuss “How can Qwest contribute towards achieving the Broadband goal”.

7. Adjourn